Subject: Cardinal Mercier medal

McElroy, William B., Mrs.

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December 9, 1919

Mrs. William B. McElroy
Angel Street
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mrs. McElroy:

Our attention has been directed to a medal presented by you on the occasion of Cardinal Mercier's visit to Providence. Would it be possible for us to get one of these medals for our Museum? This organization is endeavoring to get specimens of all medals made in this country.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator.

MRS. WILLIAM B. McELROY
151 CENTRAL PARK, WEST
NEW YORK CITY

December 11 1919.

Howland Wood. Curator.

My dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of the ninth inst I am sending you herewith one of the medals I had for the occasion of Cardinal Mercier's visit to Providence R.I.

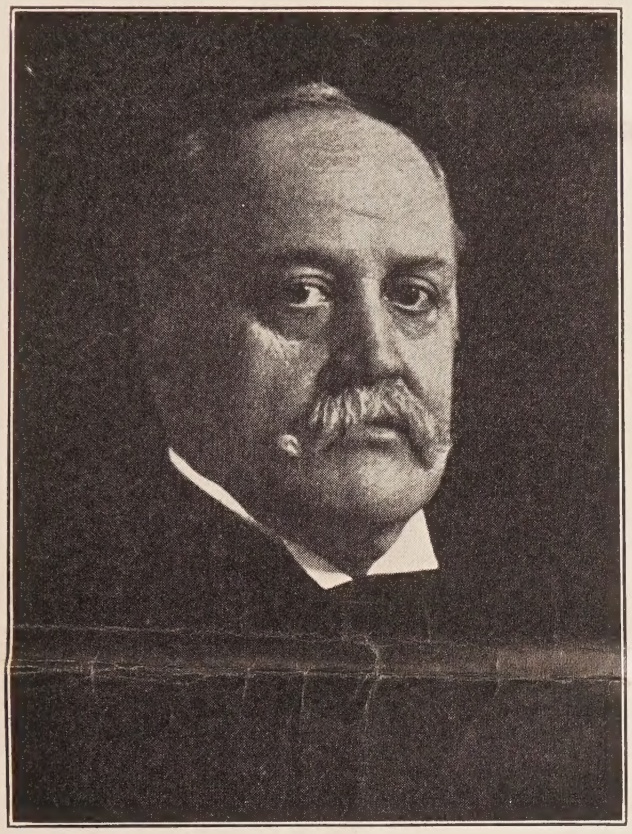
Yours cordially.

Mrs. Wm. B. McElroy.

Charles Briggs Dead

President of Providence Concern Expires Suddenly

Charles Briggs, president of J. Briggs & Sons Co., died suddenly on Wednesday, October 1, while at his home, 364 Thayer street, Providence. Besides being one of the oldest manufacturers of rolled plate goods in New England, Mr. Briggs was vice-president and a director of the Phoenix National Bank for many years. The day before his death, he had been at the office, and had retired that evening apparently in good health.



CHARLES BRIGGS

Mr. Briggs was born in Providence, May 13, 1849, son of the late Jeremiah and Desire Jane (Gardiner) Briggs. After graduating from the public schools of the city he prepared for his higher education in a private school, afterward entering the Naval Academy at Annapolis, from which he was graduated with the class of 1875.

After three years' naval service, he resigned to enter the firm established by his father in 1862 at 65 Clifford street and continued in the business until his death.

He is survived by a brother, sister and daughter, all of Providence, and another daughter who is at Hongkong, China. His wife, who was Miss Emily E. Robertson, died several years ago.

He was a member of the Anawan Club, the Hope Club, Squantum Associates, the Rhode Island School of Design, and the University and Army and Navy Clubs of New York.

The first monthly luncheon of the Chicago Jewelers' Association held since the spring meeting took place October 21, in the ivory room in Mandel Brothers, and was unusually well attended. It was decided that their regular meetings be held at this place from now on. Many important matters were discussed in connection with their vigorous programs of activities for the coming year. It was announced that the annual banquet of the Chicago Jewelers' Association will be held at the Congress Hotel, on January 15, 1920. A committee was appointed to have resolutions drawn up, to be presented to Mrs. Wm. G. Andersen. Those on the committee are Messrs. Sproehnle, Thearle and Dungan.

The Providence Mercier Medal

Fine Souvenir of Eminent Prelate's Visit

Souvenirs of Cardinal Mercier's visit to Providence, treasured by nearly two hundred people, are the bronze medals distributed by Mrs. Wm. B. McElroy to those who assisted at the Cardinal's reception to the clergy of all denominations. The reception was held at Mrs. McElroy's home on Angel street, where Cardinal Mercier was domiciled during his stay in the city.

The medals were of bronze, about two inches in diameter, and were designed and cast by the *William J. Feeley Company*, of which Mrs. McElroy's two sons are officers.

On the face of the medal was a bas-relief bust of the Cardinal and the words "Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium," in capital letters, bordering the circumference. On the back

was the Belgian coat-of-arms in bas-relief and the quotation "Greater love hath no man shown than he for his people."

The bronze medals were distributed to Mrs. McElroy's friends who assisted in receiving the Cardinal's guests. Three were cast in gold and presented to the Cardinal himself, Bishop Harkins and Coadjutor Bishop Hickey, of the Providence diocese.

Seth Thomas

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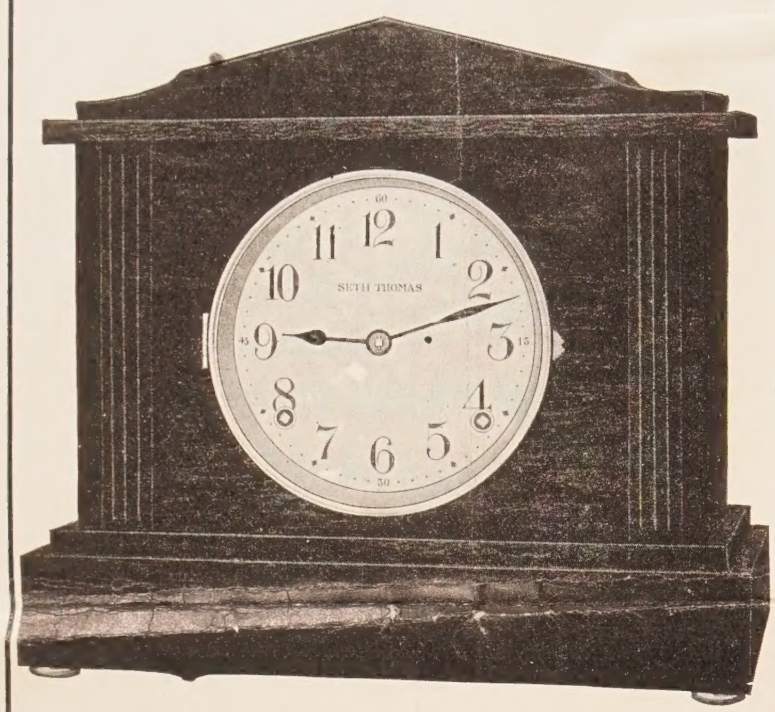

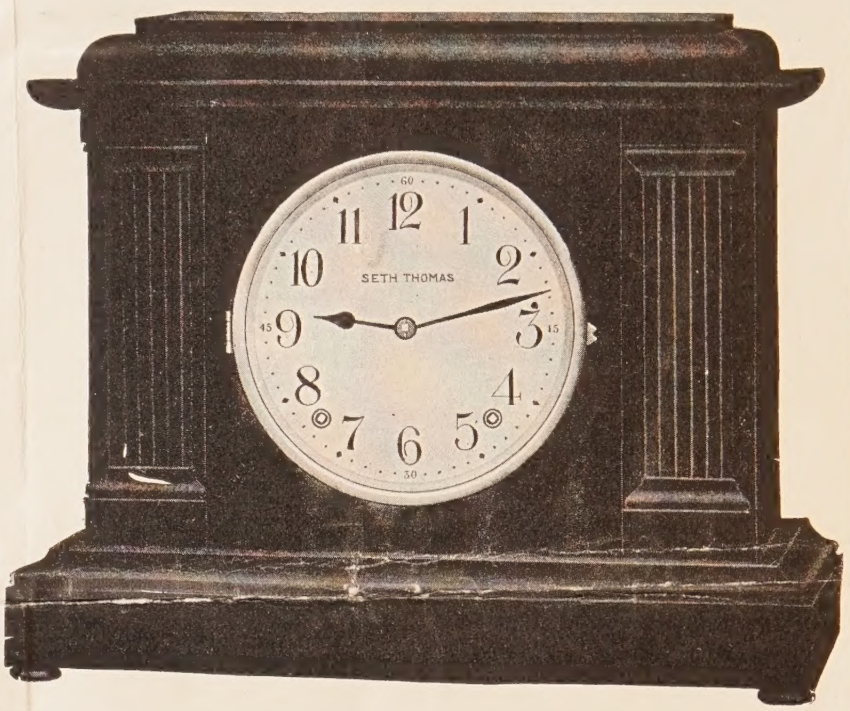

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December 15, 1919

Mrs. William B. McElroy
151 Central Park West
New York City

Dear Madam:

The medal commemorating Cardinal Mercier's visit to Providence came Saturday, and I beg to thank you in behalf of the Society for this medal. We are very much pleased with it, and think you are to be congratulated.

Very truly yours,

Curator.